

**MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**January 30, 2009**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 2009 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Eddie Bryan, Ana Escobar, Lynn Greer, Patricia Heim, and A. J. Starling were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Ray Barrett; and staff members Pat Wilson, Lionel Barrett and Kelley Harrison. Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Eddie Bryan convened the meeting.

**Approve January 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting as presented. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Certify January 22, 2009 Special Election Results:** The Commissioners reviewed the results of the January 22, 2009 Special Election reflecting that neither Charter Amendment No. 1 nor Amendment No. 2 received a majority of votes to effect a change to the charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. Commissioner Greer made a motion to certify the election results as presented. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Approve Election Day Workers for March 26, 2009 Special Election:** The Commissioners reviewed the list of workers to serve in the five (5) precincts of Council District 18 on March 26 for the purpose of filling a vacancy in that Council District. Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the workers as presented. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Set Run-Off Date for Council District 18 Special Election:** AOE Barrett recommended the DCEC set a run-off date of Thursday, April 30 in the event that no candidate in the Council District 18 Special Election wins a majority of votes cast (50% + 1) in the March 26 election. Commissioner Greer made a motion to set April 30, 2009 as the run-off election date to fill the vacancy in Council District 18 should one be required with precincts open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Lock Ballot Boxes for March 26, 2009 Election:** Commissioners Greer and Starling reported they completed this task prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Administrator's Report:** AOE Barrett reported that election results for the March 26 Council District 18 Special Election will be accumulated and reported from Eakin School at 2500 Fairfax AV so as to eliminate the need for election day workers to transport election materials to a central location farther from the Council District area. Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Sample Ballot/Early Voting Schedule/Election Day Schedule being mailed to all households with Active Registered Voters in Council District 18.

AOE Barrett reported that the DCEC 2009-10 budget is due by February 12 and asked Pat Wilson to provide a brief overview. Ms. Wilson stated that each Metro department has been asked to submit an operational budget for the upcoming fiscal year that reflects a 10% reduction over the current year level. Accordingly, the DCEC will start with \$1.4 million with additions requested to cover capital needs plus

election-related costs associated with satellite municipal elections, the May 2010 county primary, and start-up costs for the August 2010 State Primary and County General elections. She noted there is the possibility of reduced funds from the Secretary of State's Office relating to reimbursement to the county for part of the certified AOE salary.

Commissioners discussed briefly the costs associated with the pre- and post-election work done by Deloitte & Touche and requested information about the contract with the firm and the last time it was put out for bid. DCEC staff indicated they would investigate and report back to the Commissioners.

**Legal Update:** Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law reported to the Commissioners that the lawsuit filed by Chad M. Ray arising out of the November 4, 2008 City of Goodlettsville election for City Commissioners has been dismissed for failure by the plaintiff to bring the matter to trial within fifty (50) days.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 2009 for the purpose of certifying the results of the March 26, 2009 election and other business of the DCEC.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Eddie Bryan, Chairman

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Ana Escobar, Member

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A. J. Starling, Member

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Patricia Heim, Secretary

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Lynn Greer, Member